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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
1597	4-8-53	Ch.#16 482-488 MCS	V-210kw A-115kw	U	6-8-53 12-8-53
Construction permit for new commercial TV B/C station					
T-1163	6-11-53	Same	Same	Same	8-11-53 2-11-54
CP (BPCT-1597) to change name					
T-1164	6-11-53	Same	Same	Same	8-11-53 2-11-54
Suspend authorization to correct file No.					
T-1511	11-9-53	same	V. 205 kw A. 115 kw	U	8-11-53 2-11-54
CP (BPCT-1597 as mod) to correct coordinates, change and make antenna changes.					
T-1814	2-2-54	Same	Same	Same	8-11-53
CP (BPCT-1597, as mod) to extend completion dt 8-11-54					
54 STA Opr. Comm basis accordance CP BPCT-1814 except using RCA TTU-1B transmitter, power output 1 kw Vis. 0.6 Aur. RCA TFU-24DL Ant. & with studio located at transmitter site outside city limits of Providence. Period ending 8-11-54					
T-2393	8-12-54	same	same	same	8-11-53
CP (BPCT-1597, as mod) to extend completion date 2-11-55					
8-11-54 EXT STA Opr. Comm basis accord CP BPCT-1597 except using RCA TTU-1B transmitter, power output 1 kw Vis. 0.6 kw Aur. RCA TFU-24DL antenna & with Studio located at transmitter site outside city limits of Providence. End. 2-11-55					
T-2776	1-26-55	same	same	same	8-11-53
CP (BPCT-1597, as mod) to extend completion date 8-11-55					
6-10-55 STA Opr. Comm. basis accord. CP BPCT-2776 except using RCA TTU-1B transm. power output 1 KW Vis. 0.6 Aur. RCA TFU-24DL Ant. & SL at transm. site. Auth. expires 8-11-55.					
T-3235	7-11-55	same	same	same	8-11-53
CP (BPCT-1597, as mod.) to extend completion dt 2-11-56					
SUSPENDED C O 7-14-55 PURSUANT TO LET. 7-7-55.					
7-14-55 No. objection WNET suspend opr. Per. CP					
T-3235 which expires 2-11-56.					

Form BC-126

June 1954

CARD # 2

COMM. TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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First C.O. (2-3-54) (Station 4-12-54)

Date first licensed

Call letters X WNET

STATION LOCATION: PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Name of licensee CHANNEL 16 of RHODE ISLAND, INC.

Pine Street near intersection of Homestead Avenue, Rehoboth, Massachusetts

Transmitter location SEE CARD # 1

SEE CARD # 1

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BMPCT-3667	2-20-56	same	same	same	8-11-53
Mod. CP (BPCT-1597, as mod) to extend completion date 7-16-56					
BMPCT-3976	7-26-56	same	same	same	8-11-53
Mod. CP (BPCT-1597, as mod) to extend completion dt. 10-16-56					
BMPCT-4220	6-16-65	same	same	same	8-11-53
Docket No. 15891. *Extended for Period of 6 months following Comm. action on mod. or assign. of CP, provided that the applic is filed within 2 months following release of this Order /- 6-17-65					
BTC-4921	10-20-65	Voluntary acquisition of positive contro			
EFF:	11-15-65	of permittee corporation by Harold C. Arcaro through purchase of stock from John M. Dunne.			
BMPCT-6154	1-25-68	CH. 16	V-832 kw	U	8-11-53
AH: 1000'		482-488	A-166 kw	MSL: 1049'	7-25-68
Mod. of CP (BPCT-1597, as mod) to chg. ERP, type trans. & ant. AH. TL and SL					
ORDER ADOPTED 9-8-71 to modified CP to specify operation on ch. 64 in lieu of Ch. 16 however no CP to be issued pending outcome of BMPCT-6836.					
EBSA	5-15-72				
BSTV-780711D	2-19-80	Subscription Television Authority			
BMPCT-6836	2-15-80	MP BPCT-1597, as mod.)			8-15-80
(1)		to extend completion date.			
BAPCT-780711A	2-18-80	Vol. assignment of CP			
BMPCT-780711B	9-8-80	Ch-64		Unl.	3-8-81
AH: 1020' MSL: 1149' ERP: Vis. 2140kW, Aur. 214kW					
MP (BPCT-1597, as mod.) to chg. ERP, type trans. & ant. and HAAT; cp extd. 6 mos.					
BMPCT-800710KF	2-13-81	Extension of time to 8-15-81			
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Card # 1

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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CHANNEL 16 OF RHODE ISLAND, INC. (Mod.CP 6-11-53)
 Name NEW ENGLAND TELEVISION CO. OF RHODE ISLAND

(P.O. 514 Industrial Trust Building, Providence 3, Rhode Island)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-1597 Recd. Filed	7-23-52 7-24-52 7-24-52	Construction permit for newComm. TV Station FREQ: Channel # 16, 482-488 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 209.0 kw, Aur. 114.8 kw Unlimited hours of operation S-L- To be determined, Providence, Rhode Island T-L- Intersection Pine Street & Homestead Avenue, Rehoboth, Massachusetts (Vis. & Aur. DUMONT 14000) (522') Amended to change Officers, Directors, Stock- holders and Corporate Structure Amended to include Stock Subscription Agreement.	GRANTED	4-8-53
AMENDED Recd. Filed AMENDED Recd. Filed	9-29-52 10-2-52 10-2-52 2-16-53 2-24-53 2-24-53			
Rec'd	5-12-53	Amended articles of association to change name to Channel 16 Rhode Island Inc.	Form 301 mailed to appli. with letter 5-13-53	

J. Gordon Kayworth- Engr. Williamstown, Mass.

Card # 2

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CHANNEL 16, OF RHODE ISLAND, INC. (Mod. CP 6-11-53)

Name NEW ENGLAND TELEVISION CO. OF RHODE ISLAND

Providence 3, Rhode Island

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPOT-1164 Recd Filed	5-27-53 6-1-53 6-1-53	Modification of construction permit (BPOT-1597 which authorized a new commercial TV broadcast station) to change corporate name from New England Television Co. of Rhode Island, to Channel 16 of Rhode Island, Inc. Filed direct.	GRANTED	6-11-53
BPOT-1531 Recd. Filed	11-3-53 11-4-53 11-4-53	Mod. of CP (BPOT-1597, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to correct co-ordinates. Filed by Abraham Belilove, Atty.	GRANTED	11-9-53
BPOT-1614 Recd. Filed	1-29-54 2-1-54 2-1-54	Mod. of CP (BPOT-1597, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 2-11-54 to 3-1-54. Filed direct.	GRANTED	2-2-54
		BENEDICT P. COTTONE, ATTY. PER PHONE 2-9-54.		

SEE CARD #33

Name **CHANNEL 16 OF RHODE ISLAND, INC.**

Providence, R. I.

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Letters **WNET**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
PROTEST	2-16-54	Filed by Thomas H. Wall, Atty., behalf WPRO-TV (Cherry & Webb) for Preliminary Order Staying or Setting Aside action 2-3-54 granting STA to WNET for commercial operation.	DISMISSED	Order 2-24-54
RESPONSE	2-23-54	To above PROTEST filed by Benedict P. Cottone, Atty. behalf WNET.	(only copy of Protest returned to TV License)	
PROTEST	3-2-54	Filed by Wm. P. Sims, Jr., behalf WPRO-TV against grant of 2-2-54 of WNET 1814 for extension of completion date 2-2-54 ²⁻²⁻⁵⁴ protest against action 2-3-54 granting STA for Commercial Operation WNET.	DISMISSED	Memo. Opinion & Order 3-17-54
OPPOSITION	3-12-54	To Protest filed 3-2-54 Filed by Benedict P. Cottone, behalf WNET		
REPLY TO OPPOSITION filed 3-12-54	3-16-54	Filed by Wm. P. Sims, Atty. behalf WPRO-TV		
		SEE CARD #4		

CARD #4

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Name **CHANNEL 16 OF RHODE ISLAND, INC.**
Providence, R. I.

File No.	Dated		Action	
			Nature	Date
PETITION	4-16-54	<p>filed by Application for Mar. 3-54, Attys. behalf Cherry Petition/for Rehearing and/Consideration of action 3-17-54 dismissing Protest, and upon such Rehearing and Reconsideration to set aside action granting MPCT-1814 and STA for interim operation and to designate applica- tions for hearing upon issues set forth in "Protest to Grants" filed by Cherry & Webb on 3-2-54.</p>	<p>denied DENIED</p>	<p>Memorandum Opinion & Order dated 3-7-54</p>
PETITION	4-26-54	<p>Petition to DISMISS above Petition, filed by Scott W. Lucas & Benedict P. Cottone, Attys. behalf WNET.</p>		

CARD 45

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-2393 Recd & Filed	8-11-54 8-12-54	Mod. of C.P. (BPCP-1597, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/O Station) to extend completion date from 8-11-54 to January, 1955. Filed by Samuel J. Holodney, Atty. (Providence, R.I.)	GRANTED	8-12-54
BMPCT-2776 Recd & filed	1-11-55 1-13-55	Modification of construction permit (BPCP-1597 as modified which authorized a new commercial TV broadcast station) to extend completion date from 2-11-55 to 8-11-55 Filed direct	GRANTED	1-26-55
BMPCT-3235 Recd & filed Ext. # 5	7-1-55 7-5-55	Mod. of CP (BPCP-1597, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 8-11-55 to _____. Filed direct.	GRANTED	7-11-55
BMPCT-3667 Recd. & filed Ext. # 6	1-5-56 1-9-56	Mod. of CP (BPCP-1597, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 2-11-56 to _____. Filed direct.	GRANTED	2-20-56

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Name CHANNEL 16 OF RHODE ISLAND, INC.
Providence, Rhode Island

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-3976 Recd & Filed Ext. #7	6-8-56 6-11-56	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1597, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 7-16-56 to _____ Filed Direct	GRANTED	7-26-56
BPCT-4220 Recd. & filed Ext. #8	9-14-56 9-17-56	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1597, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 10-16-56 to _____	GRANTED JUN 16 1956 DOCKET # 1391	
*EXTENDED for 6 months following Comm. action on appl. for Mod. of CP OR assignment of CP; PROVIDED that, appls. are filed within 2 months following release of this Order,				
BPCT-6154 Recd. & Filed SEE AMENDMENT ON CARD 7	8-19-65 8-27-65	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1597, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to change ERP from Via 210 kw, Ave. 115 kw to Via 186 kw, Ave. 37.2 kw ; change type of transmitter to RCA TTU-104; change type of antenna to RCA TTU-24DC; increase antenna height above average terrain to 324 feet; make other equipment changes. and specify studio location as Homestead & Walker Sts., Leobeth Twp., Mass. Cottone & Fanelli, Atty.	GRANTED See Card #7 re condition	1-25-68

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Letters WNETName CHANNEL 16 OF RHODE ISLAND, INC.
Providence, Rhode Island

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-4921 Rec. & FILED	9-27-65 10-8-65	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of permittee corporation by Harold C. Arcaro through purchase of stock from John M. Dunne. Ben P. Cottone-atty	GRANTED EFF:	10-20-65 11-15-65
BPCT-6154 AMENDED R & F NOV 21 1967	Cont'd 11-4-67 11-7-67	AMENDED to change ERP to Visual 834 kw (Horn), Aural 166.9 kw (Horz); type trans. to RCA TTU-50C; type antenna to RCA TFU-30J; antenna struc.; to a determination of "No. hazard" by the Federal Aviation Admin. for the proposed height and location of the antenna structure specified herein.	GRANTED	1-25-68
AMENDED R & F JAN 16 1968	1-4-68 1-12-68	AMENDED to make changes in the antenna struc. and decrease antenna height above average terrain to 913 feet.		
BPCT-6836 R & F PRESS SEE PETITIONS ON BACK	6-10-68 6-12-68 JUN 18 1968	MP (BPCT-1597, as mod) to extend completion date to Cottone & Fanelli, Atty	\$30. #435360 GRANTED DENIED	6-12-68 2-15-80 4-2-69-pursuant
		REINSTATED 2-23-71 - Court of appeal remanded case back to Comm.	te-Memo Opinion-6- Order-#22306	

ION TO DISMISS WITH PREJUDICE AND/OR DENY submitted 7-10-68 by William A. Po
Attorney for Vision Cable Company of Rhode Island, Inc.

MOTION TO STRIKE "PETITION TO DISMISS WITH PREJUDICE AND/OR DENY" filed 2-30-68 by
Benedict P. Cottone for Channel 16.

Ltr. to applicant 7-31-68 to notify FCC of its intent to proceed with prosecution of appli.
Ltr. from atty. for permittee requesting a full evidentiary hearing. Ltr. rec. 9-3-68

Ltr. filed 9-4-68 by Robert J. (Hobbs, Porter, Kistler) requesting Ch. 16 of
Rhode Island, Inc. to be removed.

COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION
US Court of Appeals vacated Comm's Order in Docket 18420 which denied appli. of WNET for
additional time to complete construction, and remanded the case to the Commission to reconsider
the matter in the light of the views of the Court's opinion.

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

FCC 71-951
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In the Matter of

CHANNEL 16 OF RHODE ISLAND, INC.
Providence, Rhode Island

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Docket No. 19266

O R D E R

Adopted: September 8, 1971

Released: September 13, 1971

By the Commission: Commissioner Robert E. Lee concurring in the result.

1. By action adopted June 16, 1971, and released June 22, 1971, in the above-captioned proceeding,^{1/} the Commission issued an Order to Channel 16 of Rhode Island, Inc. (Channel 16), permittee of station WNET-TV, to show cause why its construction permit should not be modified to specify operation on channel 64, assigned to Providence, Rhode Island, in lieu of Channel 16.

2. The show cause was necessitated, inasmuch as prior Commission actions^{2/} involving reallocation of the lower seven UHF channels for land mobile use, and specifically the allocation of Channel 16 to the Boston urbanized area, failed to note the pendency of an appeal by Channel 16 from a Commission order deleting its construction permit, and the potential occupation of Channel 16. The Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit vacated the Commission's order on February 19, 1971,^{3/} and remanded the case. Thus, Channel 16 occupies the frequency.

3. By letter dated August 19, 1971, the attorney for Channel 16 of Rhode Island, Inc., advised that his client does not object to the modification of its permit as proposed in the show cause order.

1/FCC 71-648, Mimeo 63558

2/First Report and Order, 23 FCC 2d 325,
FCC 70-523, Mimeo 46899

3/Channel 16 of Rhode Island, Inc. v. F.C.C., D.C. Cir., No. 23,999,
U.S. App. D.C. _____, 21 RR 2d 2001 (1971)

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4. In view of the foregoing, the outstanding authorization of Channel 16 of Rhode Island, Inc. (BMPCT-6154), IS MODIFIED to specify operation on channel 64 in lieu of channel 16.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Ben F. Waple
Secretary

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Report No. 7457

BROADCAST ACTION

August 1, 1968 - B

**PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, WET STATION PERMITTEE NOTIFIED TO
ADVISE FCC OF INTENTION TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION**

Channel 16 of Rhode Island, Inc., permittee of TV station WNET, Channel 16, Providence, Rhode Island, has been notified by the FCC that, unless it advises the Commission within 30 days of its intent to proceed with prosecution of its application, the application will be dismissed, construction permit cancelled, and call letters deleted.

The Commission said it appeared that the delay in construction had not been due to any difficulty in procuring equipment or to inability to complete construction for reasons beyond the permittee's control, but to voluntary decision to postpone construction because of economic and other considerations. Information contained in Channel 16's application indicated the permittee also lacks sufficient funds to finance the construction of the station, the Commission stated.

Channel 16 contended that uncertainty as to what action the Commission will take in connection with a pending proposal of Vision Cable of Rhode Island, Inc., to carry certain Massachusetts TV signals on proposed CATV systems in Rhode Island has caused it to delay plans for Channel 16, and that it should be permitted to delay construction of WNET until the Commission resolves the Vision Cable proposal. The Commission stated this request "is contrary to your prior express representation that you would complete construction of station WNET within six months after a grant of your application for changes in the station's facilities."

In its letter to Channel 16, the Commission stated:

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"Inasmuch as the failure to complete construction is apparently due to your voluntary decision not to proceed, because of economic and other considerations, it would appear that you will, at the most, be entitled to an oral argument to determine whether your failure to complete construction as a result of such voluntary decision can be said to be due to causes not under your control, or whether you can make the requisite showing of other matters sufficient to justify the extension, within the meaning of Section 319(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 1.534(a) of the Commission's Rules. Therefore, in the event you notify the Commission within thirty (30) days that you wish to proceed with the prosecution of your application, you will be accorded an opportunity for such oral argument before the Commission.

"If, however, you believe that, because of some other factors requiring a factual resolution, you are entitled to a full evidentiary hearing on the question of an extension of your construction permit, you should so advise the Commission within the aforementioned time limit and also specify with particularity the issues and the facts in support of such issues upon which you believe a full evidentiary hearing should be held."

Action by the Commission July 31, 1968, by letter. Commissioners Hyde (Chairman), Bartley, Lee, Cox, Wadsworth and Johnson.

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CHANNEL 64 OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

Name **x CHANNEL 16 OF RHODE ISLAND, INC.**
CH-16 PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAPCT- 7807111A R&F PN RECD PRESS (form 316)	7-6-78 7-11-78 7-11-78 8-10-78 AUG 11 1978	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Channel 64 of New England, Inc. Attys.: Assignor-Benedict P. Cottone Assignee-John J. Duffy (Pierson, Ball & Dowd) Amended 10-10-78 re legal Amended 10-17-78 re legal	GR. EFF:	2-18-80 2-18-80 3/25/80
BSTV- 7807111D PRESS: PN REC'D:	7-6-78 7-11-78 OCT 19 1978	Request authority to install Subscription Television equipment. CONTINGENT ON GRANT OF ASSIGNMENT OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FROM CHANNEL 16 OF RHODE ISLAND, INC., TO CHANNEL 64 OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.	GRANTED	2-19-80
BMPCT- 7807111B R&F PRESS	7-6-78 7-11-78 AUG 11 1978	MP (BPCT-1597, as mod.) to chg ERP to Vis. to 1480kW(Max), Aur. 148kW(Max); chg. Transmitter to HARRIS, BT-55U1; chg. Antt to Harris TAY-31U; make chgs. in Ant. structure (decr. hght.); HART 522 3 ft. CONTINGENT ON GRANT OF BAPCT-7807111A. Atty John Duffy F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D.C.	GRANTED Conditions	9-8-80

PETITION TO DENY filed 9-11-78 by Jay Ricks on behalf of Universal Subscription Television, Inc.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 9-22-78 by James Freeman for WNET.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 10-6-78 by John Duffy for WNET.

OPPOSITION TO PLEADING ENTITLED "PETITION TO DENY" filed 10-17-78 James Freeman for WNET.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION filed 11-7-78 by Jay Ricks for Universal Subscription

INFORMAL OBJECTION 6-1-79 by Phillip A. Ostrow (President) for Television Associates.

COMMENTS OF CHANNEL 64 OF NEW ENGLAND, INC. ON THE INFORMAL OBJECTION OF PHILLIP OBJECTION OF PHILIP OSTROW AND MILTON CONGDON 11-15-79 by Freeman for Channel 64 of New England.

BMPCT-780711IB grtd. 9-8-80 - conditions: Before program tests are authorized, the transmitter specified herein must be type-accepted in accordance with Section 73.640 of the Commission's Rules. Operation with maximum visual effective radiated power in excess of 30 dBk (1000 kW) after July 1, 1982, is subject to approval by Canada.

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1-2-81

CARD NO. 7

APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

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Call Letters: XM N E T W S T G
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CHANNEL 64 OF NEW ENGLAND, INC

Name: CHANNEL 16 OF RHODE ISLAND, INC.
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Station Location: PROVIDENCE, RHODE, ISLAND

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMPCT-780711IB cont'd		AMENDED 5-7-80 re engineering. Amended 7-11-80 re legal.	
BMPCT-800710KF R&F PRESS	7-10-80 7-10-80	MP(BPCT-1597 as mod.) to extend completion date. Lawrence E. Carr LII Amended 2-3-81 to update extension application	GRANTED 2-13-81
BMPCT-810316KE		MP (BPCT- 1597 , as mod) to chg. ERP to Vis. 5000kW, Aur. 500kW; & make chgs. to the antenna system. Amended 8-6-81 re name of applicant	

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters:

W S T G

Name: CHANNEL 64 OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

CH-20 64

Station Location: PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMPCT-810706KE		MP (BPCT-1597, as mod.) to extend completion date.	GRANTED 7-16-81
BMPCT-810723KE		Modification of STV to extend completion date.	GRANTED 8-12-81 to 2-12-82

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Paul Margons

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast radio stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of television station history.

